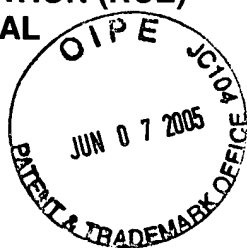


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number: 09/248,392	Confirmation Number: 8699
	Filing Date: Feb. 12, 1999	
	First Named Inventor: Hubertus A. SPAEPEN	
	Group Art Unit: 1754	
	Examiner: P. Lish	
	Attorney Docket Number: 07812.0019-00	
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (one Month) \$120.00
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$910.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, the period for response having been extended to June 7, 2005, by a Petition for Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal filed March 7, 2005, and by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of this application in view of the amendments previously submitted and the remarks set forth herein. The present paper satisfies the requirement for a "Submission" to accompany the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed herewith. The RCE and this submission are timely filed.